

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were pending in this application prior to this amendment and are still pending. Claims 1 and 18 are amended herein. Claims 6, 7, 11-13, 19 and 21 were previously withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 15, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 4,548,373 to Komura in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,471,165 to Twisselmann. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other things, “a brake located outside the interior region of the arm and movable between a braking position to impede the pivoting movement of the arm and a releasing position allowing pivoting movement of the arm” and independent claim 18 has been amended to recite, among other things, “a brake located outside the interior region of the arm and movable between a braking position engaging the pivot member to impede the pivoting movement of the arm and a releasing position allowing pivoting movement of the arm” Komura’s braking means 7a is located inside the interior of arm 2. Twisselmann’s brakes 120 are located within in the interior region of arm 103. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 18, along with claims 2-17 which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and claims 19-21 which depend from claim 18, are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 8-10 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Komura in view of Twisselmann and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,265,701 to Ogasawara et al.; the Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Komura in view of Twisselmann and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 7,197,109 to Rotondo et al.; and the Examiner rejected claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Komura in view of Twisselmann and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,213,481 to Marchese et al. Claims 8-10, 14, 16 and 17 each depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and claim 20 depends from claim 18. Accordingly, each of the examiner’s obviousness rejections is rendered moot because independent claims 1 and 18 are in condition for allowance as noted above.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to attorney docket no. 7175-74602.

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